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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Draft report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 382nd plenary meeting on 17 October 1952, the General Assembly referred to the Fourth Committee the following items on its agenda:

33. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General<sup>1/</sup> and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories<sup>2/</sup>

- (a) Information on social conditions and development<sup>3/</sup>
- (b) Information on other conditions<sup>4/</sup>
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1/ A/2128 and Corr.1, 2129 and Add.1, 2130, 2131 and Adds.1 and 2, 2131/Add.2/Corr.1, 2132 and Corr.1, 2132/Add.1, 2133, 2134 and Adds.1 and 2, 2134/Add.2/Corr.1, 2134/Adds.3 to 5, 2134/Add.6 and Corr.1, 2134/Adds.7 to 10, 2135 and Adds.1 to 3.

2/ A/2219, Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 18.

3/ Ibid., part I, sections VI and VII, and part II.

4/ Ibid., part I, sections V and VIII.

5/ Ibid., part I, section XI.

35. Participation of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories<sup>6/</sup>
36. Factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a territory is or is not a territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) <sup>7/</sup>

INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES:  
REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

2. The general debate on item 33 as a whole began at the 251st meeting of the Fourth Committee with the introduction of the report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories by the Rapporteur of that Committee and continued until the 260th meeting.
3. During the general debate, statements reserving the position of their Governments in regard to sovereignty over and the transmission of information on Netherlands New Guinea (Irian) were made by the representatives of Indonesia and the Netherlands. Reservations were also made in regard to sovereignty over British Honduras (Belize Territory) by the representatives of Guatemala and the United Kingdom; over Aden by the representatives of the Yemen and the United Kingdom and over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) by the representatives of Argentina and the United Kingdom.
4. Formal declarations were also made by the representatives of Lebanon, Iraq and Syria to the effect that their participation in the discussion on information relating to Morocco and Tunisia was without prejudice to the recognition by their Governments of the sovereign status of these two States, which were bound only by treaty obligations to France. A statement reserving the position of his Government in regard to the question of the sovereignty of Morocco and Tunisia was made by the representative of France.

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<sup>6/</sup> Ibid., part I, section XIII

<sup>7/</sup> A/2178

SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

5. At its 262nd meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted by 43 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions, the draft resolution recommended by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories concerning social conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/2219, part I, Annex II.A). The text of the resolution, as adopted, is set out in document A/C.4/L.232.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

6. From its 260th to 262nd meetings, the Fourth Committee discussed the question of racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories and the draft resolution thereon recommended by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/2219, part I, Annex II.B.), together with the amendments submitted thereto.

7. Venezuela submitted an amendment (A/C.4/L.216) whereby operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 would be replaced by the following:

"1. Recommends to the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories the abolition in those Territories of discriminatory laws and practices contrary to the principles of the Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

"2. Recommends that the Administering Members should examine all laws, statutes and ordinances in force in the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration, as well as their application in the said Territories, with a view to the abolition of any discriminatory provisions or practices;

"3. Recommends that in any Non-Self-Governing Territory where laws are in existence which distinguish between citizens and non-citizens primarily on racial grounds, these laws should similarly be examined;"

8. An amendment proposed by the United Kingdom (A/C.4/L.218) to delete the words "the indigenous inhabitants" and substitute the words "sections of the population" in the third paragraph of the preamble, was withdrawn.

9. Further proposals submitted by the United Kingdom (A/C.4/L.215) were to amend operative paragraph 2 by adding at the end the words "of a racial or religious character", and to amend operative paragraph 3 by inserting between the words "racial" and "grounds" the words "or religious".

10. An amendment proposed by Indonesia (A/C.4/L.219) to insert in operative

paragraph 5 the word "indigenous" between the words "sections of the" and "populations", was withdrawn.

11. The United States of America proposed the addition of a new operative paragraph 7, (A/C.4/L.217) as follows:

"7. Calls the attention of the Commission on Human Rights to this resolution and requests the Commission to give it appropriate consideration".

At the request of the representative of Brazil, the representative of the United States of America modified his proposal by deleting the phrase "and requests the Commission to give it appropriate consideration".

12. At its 262nd meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution on racial discrimination paragraph by paragraph with the following results:

Preamble

The first two paragraphs were adopted by 47 votes to none, with one abstention.

The third paragraph was adopted by 45 votes to 2, with one abstention.

Operative paragraph 1:

(a) The Venezuelan amendment was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

(b) The paragraph, as amended, was adopted by 47 votes to none, with one abstention.

Operative paragraph 2:

(a) The United Kingdom amendment adding the words "of a racial or religious character" at the end of the paragraph, was adopted by 16 votes to 12, with 16 abstentions.

(b) The Venezuelan amendment was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

(c) The paragraph, as amended, was adopted by 33 votes to 8, with 4 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 3:

(a) The United Kingdom amendment inserting between the words "racial" and "grounds" the words "or religious" was adopted by 41 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

(b) The Venezuelan amendment and the paragraph as amended were adopted by 45 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by 45 votes to none, with one abstention.

Operative paragraph 5 was adopted by 45 votes to one, with one abstention.

Operative paragraph 6 was adopted by 47 votes to none, with one abstention.

The United States Amendments, as modified, adding a new operative paragraph 7, was adopted by 36 votes to 3, with 5 abstentions.

13. The draft resolution, as modified, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 46 to none, with 2 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against: None

Abstaining: France, India.

14. The text of the resolution, as adopted, is set out in document A/C.4/L.232.

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EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES  
IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

15. During the course of the general debate on information from Non-Self-Governing Territories the Fourth Committee discussed the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories with particular reference to the special reports on educational, economic and social conditions adopted in 1950, 1951, and 1952 respectively.

16. Brazil, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Iraq, Pakistan and the Philippines submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.4/208) according to which the General Assembly would (1) express the hope that the Members concerned, in transmitting information under Article 73 e of the Charter, would furnish annually as complete information as possible on any action taken to bring the reports of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to the attention of the authorities responsible in the Territories for the implementation of educational,

economic and social policy, and on any problems which might arise in giving effect to the general views expressed in these reports; and (2) invite the Committee in its annual reports to the General Assembly to consider the information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter in the light of the views expressed in the special reports on educational, economic and social conditions.

17. In view of the reference therein to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, the Fourth Committee at its 263rd meeting decided to postpone voting on the joint draft resolution until after a decision had been reached with regard to the renewal of that Committee.

18. The joint draft resolution and the amendment thereto proposed by the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/C.4/L.220) to delete the third paragraph of the preamble, were subsequently considered at the 268th meeting of the Committee.

19. The Committee voted on the joint draft resolution, paragraph by paragraph, with the following results:

Preamble

The first paragraph was adopted by 44 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The second paragraph was adopted by 44 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Third paragraph

(a) The Ukrainian SSR amendment was rejected by 34 votes to 5, with 7 abstentions.

(b) The original text of the paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 36 votes to 5, with 7 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 40 votes to 7, with 2 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 2 was adopted by 38 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.

20. The joint draft resolution as a whole was adopted by a roll-call vote of 34 to 2, with 12 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Thailand, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against: Belgium, France.

Abstaining: Australia, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

21. The text of the resolution, as adopted, is set out in document A/C.4/L.232.

RENEWAL OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION FROM  
NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

22. From its 264th to 267th meetings, the Fourth Committee discussed the question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and the draft resolution thereon recommended by that Committee (A/2219, part I, Annex II, C.), together with the amendments proposed thereto.

23. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Uruguay, Yemen and Yugoslavia proposed an amendment (A/C.4/212) to the draft resolution whereby operative paragraph 1 would read as follows:

"1. Decides to continue the Committee on the same basis for as long as there exist Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government,"

24. The United States of America and Venezuela proposed an amendment (A/C.4/L.223) to the foregoing joint amendment whereby the words "for as long as there exist Territories whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government," would be replaced by the words "for a further three-year period, and at the end of that period, unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly, to continue the Committee automatically thereafter for additional three-year periods".

25. Following a suggestion by the Vice-Chairman, the sponsors of the 21-State joint amendment met with the representatives of the United States of America and Venezuela in an effort to formulate a compromise between the texts proposed in the two above-mentioned joint amendments. No agreement, however, was reached.

26. The United States of America and Venezuela thereupon proposed a revised amendment (A/C.4/L.223/Rev.1) to the proposed 21-State joint amendment whereby the words "for a further three-year period, and at the end of that period, unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly, to continue the Committee automatically

thereafter for additional three-year periods," would be inserted before the words "for as long as there exist Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government".

27. Liberia proposed an amendment (A/C.4/L.225) to the 21-State joint amendment, to add at the end the words "and as long as the General Assembly deems such a Committee necessary". In response to an inquiry whether this would mean that the General Assembly would have to act each year to continue the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, the representative of Liberia revised the amendment to read "and as long as the General Assembly does not deem such a committee to be unnecessary", in order to avoid such a necessity.

28. In response to an inquiry as to the implications of the words "unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly" in the revised United States and Venezuelan joint amendment, it was established that any question of terminating the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories or altering its present basis would not come before the General Assembly unless such a question were specifically proposed by a Member as an item for inclusion in the agenda of the Assembly.

29. At its 267th meeting, the Committee voted by roll call on the United States and Venezuelan revised joint amendment to the 21-State joint amendment in parts, as follows:

(a) The phrase "unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly" was adopted by 22 votes to 20, with 12 abstentions;

In favour: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Greece, Israel, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Sweden, Thailand, Union of South Africa, United States of America, Venezuela.

Against: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Belgium, Burma, China, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Liberia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



(b) The phrase "for additional three-year periods" was rejected by 23 votes to 22, with 9 abstentions:

In favour: Australia, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Greece, India, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Sweden, Thailand, United States of America, Venezuela.

Against: Afghanistan, Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Indonesia, Iran, Liberia, Luxembourg, Union of South Africa.

(c) The United States and Venezuelan joint amendment, as thus amended, was adopted by 23 votes to 16, with 15 abstentions.

In favour: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Venezuela.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iran, Liberia, New Zealand, Norway, Syria, Uruguay, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

30. In view of the adoption of the United States and Venezuelan joint amendment as amended, the representative of Liberia withdrew his revised amendment.

31. The Committee then voted on the 21-State joint amendment (A/C.4/212) to operative paragraph 1 of the original draft resolution (A/2219, part I, Annex II.C.) as amended above; it adopted the joint amendment by a roll call vote of 40 to 12, with 2 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America,

Abstaining: Dominican Republic, Greece.

32. The draft resolution as a whole, as modified, was then adopted by a roll call vote of 40 to 12, with 2 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Dominican Republic, Greece.

33. The representatives of Belgium, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland reserved the attitudes of their respective Governments in regard to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

34. The text of the resolution, as adopted is set out in document A/C.4/L.232.

PARTICIPATION OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES  
IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION FROM  
NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

35. The Committee discussed item 35 on the Assembly's agenda during its 268th to 270th meetings; it had before it a joint draft resolution submitted by Burma, India, Indonesia and Pakistan (A/C.4/L.221). According to this resolution, the General Assembly would (1) express the hope that Administering Members would find it appropriate to extend the practice of associating suitably qualified persons from their Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee in any manner that might be deemed desirable; (2) invite the Administering Members to transmit copies of the reports on economic, social and educational conditions of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, together with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly to the authorities of such Territories as have legislatures, and to include in the information annually furnished to the Secretary-General the views of those legislatures on such reports and resolutions; and (3) invite the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to study the further question of the direct association in its discussions on economic, social and educational conditions of representatives of those Territories the inhabitants of which have attained a wide measure of responsibility for economic, social and educational policies, and to include recommendations on this question in its report to the eighth regular session of the General Assembly.

36. At its 270th meeting, the Committee voted on the joint draft resolution, paragraph by paragraph, and on the amendments thereto with the following results:

Preamble

The first paragraph was adopted by 49 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

The second paragraph was adopted by 49 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Third paragraph

(a) The sponsors of the joint draft resolution accepted an oral amendment proposed by the representative of Denmark, which would replace the word "discussions" by the word "work"; and also accepted a Brazilian amendment (A/C.4/L.227) which would replace the words "the closer association" by the words "direct participation".

(b) The third paragraph, as thus amended, was adopted by 40 votes to 8, with 3 abstentions.

The fourth paragraph was adopted by 49 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 1

(a) An amendment proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/C.4/L.224), which would replace this paragraph by the following text: "Considers it essential that Administering Members should extend the practice of associating suitably qualified persons from their Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee", was rejected by 23 votes to 7, with 22 abstentions.

(b) An amendment proposed by Argentina, Bolivia, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Syria (A/C.4/L.230/Rev.1), which would replace this paragraph by the following text: "Considers it desirable that there be associated in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories qualified indigenous representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and invites the Administering Members to make such participation possible", was adopted by a roll call vote of 31 to 14, with 9 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Israel, Liberia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Brazil, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, India, Philippines, Thailand.

Operative paragraph 2

(a) An amendment proposed by the United States of America (A/C.4/L.228, point 1, (a)), which would delete the end of this paragraph from the words "as have legislatures", inclusive, was adopted by 32 votes to 10, with 11 abstentions.

(b) A further amendment proposed by the United States of America (A/C.4/L.288, point 1 (b)) which would delete the word "authorities" and replace it with the words "executive and legislative branches" was adopted by 40 votes to one, with 11 abstentions.

(c) Operative paragraph 2, as thus amended, was adopted by 44 votes to 3, with 5 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 3

(a) An amendment proposed by the United States of America (A/C.4/L.228, point 2) which would delete this paragraph was rejected by a roll call vote of 22 to 17, with 15 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Thailand, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Afghanistan, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Iran, Liberia, Mexico, Uruguay, Venezuela.

(b) An amendment proposed by Brazil (A/C.4/L.227, point 2), which would replace the phrase "to study the further question of the direct association" by "to study further the question of direct participation", was accepted by the sponsors of the joint draft resolution.

(c) Operative paragraph 3, as thus amended, was adopted by 38 votes to 12, with one abstention.

37. The joint draft resolution, as a whole, as amended, was adopted by a roll call vote of 40 to 10, with 4 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands,  
New Zealand, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Dominican Republic, Greece, Israel, Norway.

38. The text of the resolution, as adopted, is set out in document A/C.4/L.232.

FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DECIDING WHETHER  
A TERRITORY IS OR IS NOT A TERRITORY WHOSE PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET  
ATTAINED A FULL MEASURE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

39. From its 271st to 278th meetings, the Fourth Committee discussed item 36 on the Assembly's agenda; it had before it the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) (A/2178).

40. At the 273rd meeting, Burma, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Iraq and Venezuela submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.231 and Corr.1) under the terms of which the General Assembly would: (1) Approve the annexed list of factors which may serve as a guide, both for the General Assembly and for the Members of the United Nations which have or assume the responsibility for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, in deciding whether a territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government; (2) recognize that each concrete case should be considered and decided in the light of the particular circumstances of that case; (3) declare that the factors, while serving as a guide in determining whether the obligations as set forth in Article 73 e of the Charter still exist, should in no way be interpreted as a hindrance to the attainment of a full measure of self-government by the Non-Self-Governing Territories; (4) further declare that for a territory to be deemed self-governing in economic, social or educational affairs, it is essential that its people shall have attained a full measure of self-government as referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter; and (5) recommend that the annexed list of factors should be taken into account in any case which the General Assembly examines resulting from any communication received by the Secretary-General in virtue of General Assembly resolution 222 (III) concerning the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter, or in relation to other questions that may arise concerning the existence of an obligation to transmit information under this Article.

41. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed an amendment (A/C.4/L.233) to the above-mentioned joint draft resolution to add to the third paragraph of the preamble the following words:

"and that, within a maximum period of six months of the submission of the aforesaid information, such information as may be appropriate in such cases should be transmitted, including the constitution, legislative or executive order providing for the government of the territory and

constitutional relationship of the territory to the government of the metropolitan country".

42. Poland proposed an amendment (A/C.4/L.235) to add at the end of the second paragraph of the operative part of the joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.231 and Corr.1) the following phrase: "and taking into account the right of self-determination of peoples".

43. A joint amendment by the Dominican Republic and Peru (A/C.4/L.234 and Corr.1) to the same joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.231 and Corr.1) was also introduced. This amendment would (1) delete the second paragraph of the preamble; (2) add as fifth paragraph of the preamble the following: "Having regard to resolution 567 (VI) of the General Assembly"; (3) delete operative paragraph 1 and replace it by the following: "1. Notes with interest the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) contained in document A/2178 and considers that report as an important contribution to the exhaustive study of the factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a territory is or is not a territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government"; (4) delete operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 and replace them by the following paragraphs: : "2. Decides to set up a new ad hoc committee of ten members, consisting of (list of countries) for the purpose of continuing and completing a more thorough study of the factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a territory is or is not a territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government; 3. Invites the committee to take into consideration, inter alia, the list of factors prepared in 1952 (document A/2178) by the ad hoc committee set up under General Assembly resolution 567 (VI), and further, to take into account the following additional elements: (a) the possibility of defining the concept of autonomy for the purpose of Chapter XI of the Charter, (b) the features guaranteeing the principles of the self-determination of peoples in relation to Chapter XI of the Charter, (c) the manifestation of the freely expressed will of the peoples in relation to the determination of their national and international status; 4. Requests the Secretary-General to convene the ad hoc committee so that it may begin its work two weeks before the opening of the 1953 session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories".

44. The Netherlands proposed an amendment (A/C.4/L.236) to insert the following paragraphs after operative paragraph 3 of the joint amendment submitted by the



Dominican Republic and Peru (A/C.4/L.234 and Corr.1): "4. Requests the Committee to take into account the statements transmitted by a number of governments in compliance with resolution 567 (VI) of 18 January 1952;

5. Invites all Members of the United Nations to transmit in writing to the Secretary-General, by 1 May 1953, a statement of the views of their governments on the subjects contained in the terms of reference of this Committee;" and renumber paragraph 4 as paragraph 6.

45. In an attempt to reconcile the divergent views expressed in the joint draft resolution submitted by Burma, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Iraq and Venezuela (A/C.4/L.231 and Corr.1) and in the joint amendment thereto proposed by the Dominican Republic and Peru (A/C.4/L.234 and Corr.1), Argentina proposed a further amendment (A/C.4/L.237) to the latter joint amendment which would (1) maintain the original paragraphs of the preamble in the joint draft resolution, (2) maintain the original operative paragraph 1 of the joint draft resolution subject to the insertion of the word "provisionally" after the word "Approves" and (3) add the three operative paragraphs proposed in point 4 of the joint amendment as additional operative paragraphs to the joint draft resolution.

46. At the 278th meeting, the Committee voted on the joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.231 and Corr.1) sponsored by Burma, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Iraq and Venezuela, paragraph by paragraph, and on the amendments thereto, with the following results:

Preamble

The first paragraph was adopted by a roll call vote of 55 to none, with no abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,  
United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen,  
Yugoslavia.

Against: None

Abstaining: None

The second paragraph was adopted by a roll call vote of 36 to 8, with 11 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma,  
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China,  
Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador,  
Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia,  
Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan,  
Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand,  
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet  
Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Netherlands,  
Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Greece, Israel,  
Luxembourg, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Peru, Sweden,  
Uruguay.

Third paragraph

(a) The amendment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
(A/C.4/L.233) was adopted by a roll call vote of 19 to 11 with 25  
abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist  
Republic, Czechoslovakia, India, Indonesia, Iran,  
Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland,  
Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist  
Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yemen,  
Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg,  
Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Union of  
South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Liberia, Nicaragua, Peru, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

(b) The third paragraph as thus amended was adopted by a roll call vote of 35 to 9, with 11 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Israel, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay.

The fourth paragraph was adopted by 52 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

The fifth paragraph was adopted by 41 votes to 12, with one abstention.

A new sixth paragraph, comprising point 2 of the joint amendment (A/C.4/L.234) of the Dominican Republic and Peru, was adopted by 36 votes to none, with 16 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 1

(a) The Argentine amendment (A/C.4/L.237, point 2) which would insert the word "provisionally" after the word "Approves" was adopted by a roll call vote of 23 to 4, with 28 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Chile, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Thailand, Venezuela,

Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, France, Luxembourg.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Liberia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Yemen.

(b) Operative paragraph 1, as thus amended, was adopted by a roll call vote of 36 to 16, with 3 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Israel, Nicaragua, Uruguay.

(c) The representative of the Dominican Republic withdrew the joint amendment (A/C.4/L.234) to this paragraph.

Operative paragraph 2

(a) The Polish amendment (A/C.4/L.235) was adopted by a roll call vote of 39 to 7, with 9 abstentions, as follows:

- In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.
- Against: Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.
- Abstaining: Australia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Sweden, United States of America.

(b) Operative paragraph 2, as thus amended, was adopted by 46 votes to one, with 6 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by 49 votes to one, with 5 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by a roll call vote of 35 to 18, with 2 abstentions, as follows:

- In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.
- Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Greece, Israel.

Operative paragraph 5

(a) An Argentine amendment (A/C.4/L.238) which would insert the word "provisionally" after the words "Recommends that" was accepted by the sponsors of the joint draft resolution.

(b) Operative paragraph 5, as thus amended, was adopted by a roll call vote of 38 to 9, with 8 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: Colombia, Israel, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Sweden, United States of America.

New operative paragraph 6. Paragraph 2 in point 4 of the joint amendment (A/C.4/L.234) of the Dominican Republic and Peru was adopted as operative paragraph 6 by 32 votes to 6, with 15 abstentions.

New operative paragraph 7. The sponsors of the joint amendment (A/C.4/L.234) accepted an amendment by Ecuador (A/C.4/L.239) which would add the phrase "for the purposes of Chapter XI of the Charter" at the end of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 3, in point 4 of the joint amendment; and also accepted the first point of the Netherlands amendment (A/C.4/L.236). The text of the joint amendment, as thus modified by the Ecuadorian and Netherlands amendments, read as follows:

"Invites the said committee to take into account inter alia the list of factors prepared in 1952 (A/2178) by the Ad Hoc Committee set up under General Assembly resolution 567 (VI); the statements transmitted

by governments in compliance with the aforementioned resolution; and further, to take into account the following additional elements:

- (a) the possibility of defining the concept of self-government for the purposes of Chapter XI of the Charter;
- (b) the features guaranteeing the principle of the self-determination of peoples in relation to Chapter XI of the Charter;
- (c) the manifestation of the freely expressed will of the peoples in relation to the determination of their national and international status for the purposes of Chapter XI of the Charter."

The Committee voted on this text in parts as follows:

- (i) The Introductory clause was adopted by 33 votes to none, with 20 abstentions
- (ii) Sub-paragraph (a) was adopted by 20 votes to 17, with 14 abstentions
- (iii) Sub-paragraph (b) was adopted by a roll call vote of 39 to 4, with 12 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Belgium, France, Luxembourg, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United States of America.

- (iv) Sub-paragraph (c) was voted on in two parts. The phrase "for the purposes of Chapter XI of the Charter" at the end of the

sub-paragraph was adopted first by 14 votes to none, with 35 abstentions; and thereafter sub-paragraph (c) as a whole was adopted by 39 votes to one, with 14 abstentions.

(v) The new operative paragraph 7 as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 42 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.

New operative paragraph 8. The second point of the Netherlands amendment (A/C.4/L.236) making a new operative paragraph 8 was adopted by 25 votes to none, with 27 abstentions.

New operative paragraph 9.

(i) An oral amendment of the representative of Iraq to replace the words "two weeks" with the phrase "not later than four weeks" was accepted by the sponsors of the joint amendment (A/C.4/L.234)

(ii) Paragraph 4 in point 4 of the joint amendment, as thus amended, was adopted, making a new operative paragraph 9 by 39 votes to none, with 13 abstentions.

47. The joint draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was adopted by a roll call vote of 34 to 12, with 8 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Colombia, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Canada, Dominican Republic, Greece, Israel, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Uruguay.

48. The text of the resolution, as adopted, is set out in document A/C.4/L.232/Add.1.

49. At the meeting, the Fourth Committee approved the following as members of the proposed Ad Hoc Committee: